

June – September Safety Focus Agenda

“As we enter the 101 days of summer – think back to effective messages some of your previous leaders delivered,” said Forrester. “One in particular I vividly recall was given by then Maj. Gen. Dick Cody, our Commanding General. His message, delivered to the entire 101st Airborne Division was founded on the statistical analysis that predicted the division would lose two Soldiers to fatalities over the Memorial Day weekend. As we gathered shoulder to shoulder, with some twenty thousand of our comrades, our division commander asked us all – ‘Who in this crowd will we let die?’”

1. **Highlights:** It won’t be long before weather forecasts will become monotonously predictable: hot temperatures, high clouds, and few breezes. With these warmer forecasts come changes in the work being conducted and the way we spend our leisure time. At work, activities such as working in confined spaces, working from heights, and troop training exercises will increase with the return of warmer weather. Adhering to safety requirements in your work activities will greatly reduce the likelihood of injury to personnel. Our recreational activities also change or increase with the onset of warmer temperatures. Activities such as softball, jogging and bicycling warrant special safety considerations as well. Before you take that road trip, during the holiday period, you should have warm weather maintenance conducted on your vehicle and your child safety seat checked to ensure it is installed correctly. Also, remember with the celebrations around 4th of July you need to be extremely aware of fireworks and the hazards associated with them. Ensure the fireworks you are using are legal where you live. If you decide to set them off on your own, be sure to follow these important safety tips:

- ✍ Always read and follow label directions.
- ✍ Have an adult present.
- ✍ Buy from reliable sellers.
- ✍ Use outdoors only.
- ✍ Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- ✍ Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- ✍ Light only one firework at a time.
- ✍ Never re-light a “dud” firework (wait 15-20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- ✍ Never give fireworks to small children.
- ✍ Always store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- ✍ Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan.
- ✍ Never throw or point fireworks in anyone.
- ✍ Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- ✍ The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- ✍ Stay away from illegal explosives.

2. Holidays during the quarter:

Independence Day	(Wednesday)	4 July 07
Labor Day	(Monday)	3 Sept 07

3. Plans:

- a. Units to provide pre-holiday vehicle safety inspections before military depart for the holiday.
- b. Educate employees on appropriate warm up and cool down when participating in fitness and recreational activities.
- c. Provide *Heat Injury Prevention* education.
- d. Provide *Sports Injury Prevention* education/briefing.
- e. Review OSHA's Confined Space Entry and Fall Protection procedures with employees engaged in this type of work.
- f. Installation Safety Management Office to continue Safety Program Management Audits.

4. Recommended Sources of Educational Material:

- a. Safety Bulletins and articles Located on Safety web page
(http://www.detrick.army.mil/bulletin/safety/safety_bulletin.cfm):
- b. Recommended Safety Video Training Tapes (available for loan from the Installation Safety Management Office, 810 Schreider Street)
 - (1) Recreational Safety for Employees
 - (2) Hazard Communication Training
 - (3) Heat Stress
 - (4) Working in Confined Spaces
 - (5) Fall Protection
 - (6) Hand Tool Safety
 - (7) Body Mechanics: Preventing Pain and Strain